

LEIF KIRCHOFF, individually and as class)
representative,) CASE NO. C11-568Z
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Plaintiff,)
) MINUTE ORDER
v.)
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WIPRO, INC., WIPRO TECHNOLOGIES,)
INC. and WIPRO, LTD, Delaware)
Corporations,)
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Defendants.)

(1) Defendants' Motion for Protective Order, docket no. 21, is DENIED. Defendants Wipro, Inc. and Wipro, Ltd (collectively "Defendants") have not established good cause for obtaining a protective order. See Coopers & Lybrand v. Livesay, 437 U.S. 463, 469 n.12 (1978) (issues related to class certification often raise questions that are "intimately involved with the merits of the claims." (quoting 15 Charles A. Wright & Arthur R. Miller, Federal Practice & Procedure § 3911, at 485 n.45 (1976))); Gilman v. ER Solutions, Inc., No. C11-0806-JCC, Order at 4 (W.D. Wash. Feb. 3, 2012) (ordering precertification production of a class list because "[c]lass

01 certification cannot fairly be evaluated without information on whether [Defendant treated other
02 putative class members in the way in which Plaintiff was treated], and Plaintiffs have no way to
03 gather this information aside from the discovery requests [Defendant] opposes.”). Defendants are
04 hereby ORDERED to produce to Plaintiff an electronic list of all employees employed by
05 Defendants in the United States of America since April 4, 2008, complete with last known
06 addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, within thirty days of this Order.

07 (2) Plaintiff’s Motion for Order Extending Deadline for Filing Class Certification,
08 docket no. 30, is GRANTED. Plaintiff has established good cause for extending the deadline for
09 filing a class certification. Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that the deadline for filing a class
10 certification motion is extended to October 2, 2012. Without substantial justification, no further
11 extensions will be granted.

12 (3) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Minute Order to all counsel of record and
13 to Plaintiff pro se.

14 Filed and entered this 23rd day of May, 2012.

15 WILLIAM M. McCOOL, Clerk

16 s/ Claudia Hawney

17 By:

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19 Claudia Hawney
20 Deputy Clerk
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